

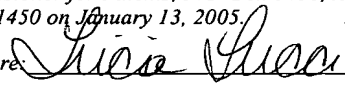
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§1.56, Applicants submit herewith the following Information Disclosure Statement in
accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98.

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Hollie	3,664,910	May 23, 1972
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Germany	DE 199 40 790 A1*	March 1, 2001
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Germany	DE 100 13 410 A1	September 20, 2001
Germany	DE 101 29 701 A1	January 2, 2003
Germany	DE 197 32 712 A1*	February 5, 1998
Japan	JP 02111590 A	April 24, 1990
Japan	JP 02111591 A	April 24, 1990

A copy of each of the references set forth above has been enclosed herewith for the convenience of the Examiner, and a separate listing of the same has been set forth on the attached Form PTO-1449. Foreign patent document DE 199 40 790 was cited in the International Search Report. Corresponding U.S. patents or publications have been provided for non-English documents marked with an asterisk, to facilitate reference thereto.

An English abstract of all other non-English documents is provided herewith, if available, as well as a concise explanation of the non-English documents in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3).

**CONCISE EXPLANATION OF
NON-ENGLISH PATENT DOCUMENTS**

European patent document EP 0 364 730 relates to manufacture of passports by burning biographical details of the passport-holder into the paper fabric of the data sheet, which is covered with plastic, using a laser beam.

German patent document DE 100 13 410 relates to a laminate in the form of cards, e.g., credit or identity cards, which is more durable and difficult to forge. The laminate is configured as a three-dimensional structure with a diffractive optical effect, and includes at least two films having security elements and, optionally, visible identification elements.

German patent document DE 101 29 701 relates to an identification document comprising at least two sheets joined to one another to form a booklet. Each sheet consists of at least two layers, with at least one transparent layer. Data relating to the document holder is provided only on one side of the sheets arranged sequentially in the identification document.

Japanese patent document JP 02111590 A relates to a passport capable of preventing forgery and interpolation. A method is used wherein an image is transferred to an image receiving layer and a character image or the like is printed on a substrate sheet, and the transferred surface of a transparent sheet and the printed surface of the substrate sheet are bonded with each other.

Japanese patent document JP 02111591 A relates to an efficient method for forming a booklet, such as a passport, readable with an optical character reader. A portrait image or the like is transferred to an image receiving layer of a transparent sheet, a character image of the

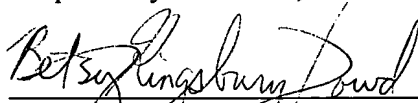
like is printed on an adhesive layer of a substrate sheet opposed thereto, and the both are bonded with each other at the transferred surface and the printed surface thereof.

Applicants respectfully submit that the requirements of candor and good faith set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56 have been fulfilled, having submitted all known references in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98. Applicants believe that no fee is due at this time. If it is determined that a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-2461.

In view of the present submission, it is believed that the above-referenced application is, in all respects, complete and in condition for examination and favorable consideration. If the Examiner has any questions or comments relating to the present application, he or she is respectfully invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number set forth in below.

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